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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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T. JACKSON,
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Offices of the Corporation
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, August 16, 1877.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA & CHINA.

CAPITAL.....\$300,000.
RESERVE FUND.....\$210,000.

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THE CITY BANK.

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THE BANK'S BRANCH IN HONG KONG grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange; and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.
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Intimations.

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. R. STOUT has RETURNED, and will be ready to receive Patients on MONDAY, the 24th Instant, until further notice, at his Rooms, Ground Floor, HOTEL DE UNIVERS, Office hours, 8 to 12 Noon and 2 to 4 p.m.
Hongkong, September 22, 1877.

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. R. ROGERS begs to inform his Patrons and the Public that he intends to visit AMOY and FOOCHOW in September and October, leaving HONG KONG about the 15th of September.
Hongkong, August 6, 1877.

W. BALL, CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS,
DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES, TOILET
REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES
AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness
and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG,
Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf,
Hongkong, July 18, 1877.

Intimations.

G. FALCONER & Co.,
WATCH AND CHRONOMETER
MANUFACTURERS,
AND JEWELLERS,
NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS
AND BOOKS.

46, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, August 20, 1877. fe20

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR
1876.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December last, in order that the proportion of the Net Profit to be reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st October next will be adjusted by the Company, and no claims or alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, August 1, 1877. nol

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Office, will be held at the Office of the Undersigned, No. 7, Queen's Road, on TUESDAY, the 9th Instant, at 3 p.m.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents,
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE.
Hongkong, October 2, 1877. ooc9

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR
1876.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December last, in order that the distribution of Twenty per cent (20%) of the Net Profits reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st October next will be adjusted by the Company, and no claims or alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, August 1, 1877. nol

NOTICE.

MR. A. HAHN begs leave to inform his numerous Patrons and the Public generally of Hongkong, that, by special request, he has now OPENED his ESTABLISHMENT in this Colony at WANCHAI, in the Premises lately occupied by the American Consul.

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Hongkong, September 7, 1877. ooc7

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AND RE-CONSTRUCTED.

PIANOS ON HIRE, by the Month or
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PIANOS FOR SALE, New and Second-
Hand, all in perfectly Good
Order, Guaranteed.

Special Attention is invited to a new
Grand Cottage PIANO, by Linens and
Bieber, Zeitz—Just Received from Ger-
many, and specially constructed for this
climate to the order of the Undersigned.

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East, will meet with prompt attention if
addressed.

Care of Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,
or " Messrs GAFFE & Co.

A. HAHN.
Hongkong, September 7, 1877.

AFONG,

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and to
H. L. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS
OF RUSSIA,

Wyndham Street, formerly ATLANTIC CLUB,

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Collection of Views of China, Photo-
graphic Albums, Frames, Cases, etc., of
various sizes. Ex. S. S. "AFONG," Revolving
Standard Albums, Armorial Monograms and
Postage Stamp Albums, Russia Leather
Velvet and carved-wood Albums, Cases and
Frames, nice Albums for Cabinet Portraits

only. Portraits of the Generals of the pre-
sent Russo-Turkish War, English British
Statesmen, the two Chinese Ambassadors in
Cabinet and Carte de Visite sizes,

Coloured Portraits of English Ladies

Hongkong, August 26, 1877.

Intimations.

CONDENSED EGGS.

THIS NEW ARTICLE, recently placed
upon the Market, consists simply of
fresh-laid HENS' EGGS, from which most
of the water has been evaporated, and being
hermetically sealed, remains perfectly sound.

The EGGS thus condensed are obtained
in the Empire of China, and canned in the
immediate vicinity in which they are pro-
duced, thereby avoiding the deterioration
to which EGGS are subjected when trans-
ported in the shell. So that, in point of
fact, the CONDENSED EGGS preserved
under the patent of A. R. DAVIS, furnish
to the consumer, EGGS possessing more
perfectly the properties of fresh-laid EGGS
than those ordinarily supplied to any city.

The CONDENSED EGGS will beat up
into light froth as readily as EGGS taken
immediately from the shell, and are equally
valuable in making Cakes, Custards, Creams,
Pastry, Puddings, Egg-Nog, &c., &c.

ECONOMY.

For Hotels, and Restaurants, or for
Families, or Vessels at sea, this Article is
invaluable, as there is no loss from breakage
or decay, and a tin will keep for any length
of time after opening, being sealed only for
transportation.

One Table-spoonful is equal to one Egg.
Add equal amount of water (warm is pre-
ferable); dissolve it well; then use same as
any Egg.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co.,
Agents for Hongkong.

MUSTARD & Co.,
General Agents at Shanghai. oo24

NOTICE.

Estate of BERTHIA ATHERTON MITFORD,
of Foochow, Deceased.

ALL PERSONS INDEBTED to the
above Estate are requested to make
immediate Payment to the Undersigned,
and those Persons having Claims against it
must send in Particulars, accompanied by
the proper vouchers, before the 20th of
October next.

CHAS. A. SINCLAIR,
H.B.M. Consul, Foochow.
H.M. Consulate, Foochow, 15th September, 1877. ooc12

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

TENDERS are invited for a LEASE of
the HONGKONG HOTEL, the present
Five-yearly Lease expiring on the 31st
August, 1878. SEALED TENDERS to
be sent in or before the 31st March,
1878, to the Secretary of the HONGKONG
HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, who will supply
any information required.

By Order of the Directors,
LOUIS HAUSCHILD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, September 15, 1877. ap1

NOTICE.

A. MILLAR & Co.,
PLUMBERS, AND GAS FITTERS,
Queen's Road East,
HONGKONG.

September 15, 1877.

AH YON,

SHIP'S COMPRADORE AND
STEVENDORE,

No. 57, Praya West.

SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF
COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH
PROVISIONS & OILMAN'S
STORES.

Of the best quality and at the shortest notice.

Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

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OIL.

RELIABLE,

ECONOMICAL,

SAFE!!

DESIRING to benefit by the world-

wide reputation of our Oil, certain
parties have attempted to imitate our pack-
ages. Suits at law have been instituted
against the MAKERS AND PURCHASERS of

these imitations. Buyers should be careful
to see that the words "DEVOE'S BRIL-
LIANT" are stencilled on the cases, and the

words "DEVOE MFG CO. PATENTS"

are stamped on the top of the can.

THE DEVON MANUFACTURING Co.

60 Beavys and 127 Pearl Streets,

Coloured Portraits of English Ladies

Hongkong, August 26, 1877.

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LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co.

HAVE FOR SALE,

EX-STEAMSHIPS

"YORKSHIRE," "MADAGASCAR,"

"CITY OF TOKIO," &c., &c.

1877.

NEW SEASON'S (May) BUTTER.

The First Shipment of Busch & Co.'s

Celebrated Cowbrand DANISH BUTTER.

In Tins of 1 lb. each, 60 Cents per lb.

In Tins of 2 lb. each, 55 Cents per lb.

In Tins of 4 lb. each, 50 Cents per lb.

Intimations.

Volume Sixth of the
"CHINA REVIEW."

No. I.—VOL. VI.
—OF THE—

"CHINA REVIEW"

CONTAINS—

Chinese Studies and Official Interpretation
in the Colony of Hongkong.

Constitutional Law of the Chinese Empire.

The Tang Hou Chi, A Modern Chinese

Novel.

A Chinese Primer.

The Law of Inheritance.

Short Notices of New Books and Literary

Intelligence.

Notes and Queries—

Chinese Marriage.

Studies in Words.

The Educational Curriculum of the

Chinese.

Restoration of the Old Sounds of the

Chinese Language.

Notes on Chinese Grammar.

Russian Sinologists.

Assyrian and China.

The Word "Swallow."

Corrigenda—Chinese Studies and Official

Interpretation in the Colony of Hong-

kong.

China Mail Office,

Hongkong, September 1, 1877.

K WONG HING CHEUNG & Co.,
COAL MERCHANTS,
Have always on hand for Sale every
description of COAL at Moderate Prices.
Mr ARKON has been appointed Manager,
and all Orders addressed to him at 37,
Praya, or to Mr FAT JACK, at 30, Hing
Lung Street, will receive immediate atten-
tion.

Hongkong, March 19, 1877.

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NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE
CANTONESE DIALECT. Part I.,
A to K, with Introduction. Royal 8vo.,
pp. 202.—By ERNEST JOHN EITEL, Ph.D.,
Tübingen.

Price: TWO DOLLARS AND A HALF.
To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD
& Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs
KELLY & WALK, Shanghai.

Hongkong, February 5, 1877.

To-day's Advertisements.

IN THE GOODS OF
JAMES SMITH FERRIES,
Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all Creditors and other Persons, having any CLAIMS or DEMANDS upon or against the Estate of JAMES SMITH FERRIES, late Master of the S. S. "ZELANDIA," who died at Sea on Board the said Vessel, on the 8th day of February 1877, and whose Will was duly proved, and Letters of Administration, with the Will annexed, of whose personal Estate were duly granted to JOHN FAIRBAIRN, of No. 27 Queen's Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, by the Supreme Court of Hongkong, in its Probate Jurisdiction, on the 22nd day of September 1877, are hereby required to send in writing the particulars of their Claims or Demands to the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN at his address aforesaid, or to the Under-signed WILLIAM HENRY BRERETON, the Solicitor of the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN, at the Office of the said WILLIAM HENRY BRERETON, 29 Queen's Road, Hongkong, or before the 15th day of January 1878.

And notice is hereby given that at the expiration of the last-mentioned day, the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN will proceed to distribute the Assets of the said JAMES SMITH FERRIES amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard to the Claims of which the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN has then had notice; and that the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN will not be liable for the Assets or any part thereof, so distributed, to any person of whose Claim the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN has not had notice at the time of the distribution.

Dated this 27th day of October, 1877.

W. H. BRERETON,
Solicitor for the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN.

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FOR COOKTOWN AND SYDNEY.
(Taking Cargo at through rates for all
Australian and New Zealand Ports.)

The Steamship

"OCEAN"

will load as above, and be
despatched on or about the

1st of November.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, October 4, 1877.

DEPARTURES.

Oct. 4, Bertha, for Whampoa.

4, Viscount McDuff, for Haiphong.

4, Gunda, for Guan.

4, Sun Kee, for a cruise.

2, Northampton, for Singapore.

4, Titan, for Guam.

4, Egret, for Shanghai.

CLEARED.

St. Ann, for Haiphong.

Rejananuanhar, for Bangkok.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per Britania, from Sydney, etc., Messrs

A. H. Wyllie, J. Graham, J. McGibbon,

and J. S. Taylor, 2 Europeans, and 408

Chinese.

Per China, from Shanghai, Dr. Bradley,

Mr Robert Bradon, and 19 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Egeria, for Shanghai, Mr and Mrs

Von Mellendorf.

Per Viscount McDuff, for Saigon, 2

Chinese.

TO DEPART.

Per Rejananuanhar, for Bangkok, 448

Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The German barque Johanna reports

Calls among the Islands, since N.E. and

Easterly winds after passing Luton.

The German steamer China reports

Moderate northerly winds and fine weather

throughout. At 2 p.m. yesterday (3rd)

passed O. & S. S. Sunda bound North

10 miles East of Lemmoc Island.

The British steamer Briton reports

Lift Compton Wharf, Sydney, at 1.15

p.m. on 5th September, passed the Com-

pany's steamer Normandy bound for Sydney

at 10.30 p.m. same date. 7th, at 6.10 p.m.

To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL,
HONGKONG.

POSITIVELY FOUR NIGHTS ONLY.

COMMENCING
THURSDAY,
October 11th, 1877.

THE FAMOUS ROYAL
ILLUSIONISTS,

From ENGLAND'S HOME OF MYSTERY, the
EGYPTIAN HALL, LONDON; where their un-
paralleled Entertainments were presented
nightly to crowded audiences for over two
years.

LING LOOK,

KELLAR,

YAMADEVAS,

In their unique and STARTLING
WONDERS.

Their profoundly

MYSTERIOUS SEANCES

have been given in the presence
of the Crowned heads and Nobility
of EUROPE and before vast and intel-
ligent Assemblages throughout the
civilized world, astonishing and
confounding the wisest of
all Countries.

PROGRAMME:

PART I.

"AN HOUR IN DREAMLAND WITH
KELLAR."

Intermission of Ten Minutes.

PART II.

"THE WONDERFUL CABINET
SEANCE"—KELLAR, assisted by

LING LOOK.

PART III.

YAMADEVAS IN HIS BEAUTIFUL ACT,
Entitled

"THE MAN SERPENT."

Intermission of Ten Minutes.

PART IV.

"LA CENA INFERNAL," by the immit-
able LING LOOK.

ADMISSION: \$2.00

To all Parts of the House.

Seats can now be secured at Messrs
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., where Plan of the
Hall can be seen.

Doors Open at 8.30, Commence at

9 o'clock sharp.

Hongkong, October 4, 1877.

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FOR MANILA.

The Steamship

"ESMERALDA"

Capt. THRAUP, will be de-
spatched for the above Port
on SUNDAY, the 7th instant, at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

A. MAC. HEATON,

Agent.

Hongkong, October 4, 1877.

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ARRIVALS.

Oct. 3, Johanna, German barque, 528,

H. W. Herkens, Cebu Sept. 28, Bellast.

W.M. PUSTAU & Co.

Oct. 4, Nuevo Constante, Spanish brig,

217, T. Uriarte, Leguanuco, Timber.

REMEDIOS & Co.

Oct. 4, Amoy, British steamer, from

Canton.

Oct. 4, Brisbane, British steamer, 891,

W. Ellis, Sydney Sept. 5, via Moreton Bay,

Rockhampton, Townsville, Cooktown 15,

and Singapore 29, Mails and General.

GIB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Oct. 4, China, German steamer, 648,

Ackermann, Shanghai Sept. 30, 4 p.m.,

General.—SIEMSEN & Co.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

business at Wanchi were summoned at the instance of Mr. Adolph Emile Meyer, of the firm of Meyer & Co., for carrying on a noisy trade to the annoyance of the neighbours, and contrary to Ord. 10 of 1872 Sec. VI.

Mr Arthur Chart appeared on behalf of Messrs Inglin and Mr Emmanuel on behalf of Messrs Spratt & Co.

Mr Meyer stated that Messrs Inglin had put a steamer alongside the praya on the 19th or 20th Sept. opposite his premises, and they are riveting plates. This has been going on since the 2nd September from 7 a.m. till noon, and from 1 till 5 p.m.

The noise is almost unbearable, the steamer being quite empty. There are about 15 or 20 men hammering at one time continuously.

Complainant said the stern of the steamer was not more than 20 yards distant from his front verandah. He had made this complaint because it interfered with the comfort of his family, the continuous hammering making the people in the house quite nervous. He had written to Messrs Inglin, asking them if they could not remove the steamer to the end of the pier, as he did not wish to put them to any inconvenience; they replied that it was inconvenient for them to move it.

Inspector McKinney, sworn, said he received a letter from Mr Meyer complaining of the nuisance and he went to Praya East on the 27th or 28th September and heard the noise. He considered it a nuisance and asked the defendants if they had special permission from the Governor to carry on this work, and the reply received was to the effect that the work had been going on for years. They further stated that a complaint had already been lodged against them in the Police Court a number of years ago.

Mr Chart said he believed they had received special permission from the Government to carry on such work; he thought he could find written permission to that effect.

Mr Russell remarked that he was sure

Mr Meyer had no desire to interfere with another man's business, but he (Mr Russell) certainly thought that the noises complained of were a nuisance. He did not think it was ever contemplated that the defendants should carry on such work alongside the Praya. He hoped however

that they could arrange the matter amicably, as this would be the most sensible plan. He would adjourn the case till to-morrow for that purpose and should be glad to be able to cancel the summons. The summons against Messrs Spratt would be adjourned likewise.

Mr Chart said he should probably apply for a summons against Messrs Meyer, as they were continually running tracks across the road causing his firm much annoyance, but he had never complained about it.

Mr Russell said he could see plainly there

was a little bad blood between the parties; he thought they would be wise to settle the matter out of Court; if the case came before him, he would have to put the law in force, and probably send it to the Supreme Court, thus occasioning heavy expense on both parties. He could plainly see that there existed the elements of a big fight.

Mr Meyer remarked that he would not

mind the expense; he could have put up with the one nuisance, but he had the shop of Messrs Inglin on the one side and Messrs Spratt's on the other and the steamer in front; he was as it were between three fires.

Mr Russell reminded Mr Meyer that

this state of affairs existed long before he took his premises. The case was then adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow.

A REFRAC'TORY CONVICT.

Wong A-ching, a prisoner in Victoria Gaol, was brought up for malicious injury to Government property. The prisoner was under sentence in Gaol for destroying a tree at Wong-ki-ki-choeng; he was fined \$1 or in default to be imprisoned for four days from the 2nd, and would be out to-morrow morning. Yesterday he was reported to Mr Corcoran, Acting Warden, for having torn up his prison uniform. Mr Corcoran advised that the jacket was torn for the purpose of enabling the prisoner to roll the clothes more tightly round his person. The prisoner said the jacket was torn partly before, and he tore it more so as to wrap himself up better. The Magistrate ordered the prisoner to be imprisoned for 7 days with hard labour, to begin from the expiry of his original sentence.

DISORDINARY CONDUCT.

John McLean, seaman, boarding at the Sailors' Home, was charged by Mr Schuster,

the steward, with making noise in the Home and refusing to go to bed. He came home drunk. Fined \$2 or 10 days' hard labour, this being his third offence.

RUBBISH.

Chan Asing, a contractor, was summoned by Inspector McKinney, with causing a nuisance by depositing a quantity of building rubbish on the Cricket Ground. Fined \$5.

A NURBANCE.—"PICKLES."

Ow Akwong, shopkeeper, No. 53 Queen's Road Central, was summoned by Inspector McKinney with carrying on an offensive trade, viz., that of preparing pickles which emitted a bad smell to the annoyance of the neighbours. The defendant was summoned at the instance of the gentlemen employed at the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, whose premises were separated from the defendant's by a narrow street. When the case was first heard, on the 27th ultimo, Inspector McKinney said he found a strong disagreeable smell proceeding from the defendant's house. There was a number of men transferring what seemed to be a kind of pickled water-leaf root and some sort of rabbages from tub to tub. On the roof there was a lot of tubs in which various things were allowed to ferment, such as shrimps, etc. Witness considered the preparation of these things on the premises as unwholesome and deleterious to health. He went into the bank and the smell was felt in the office, although a quantity of carbolic acid powder was spread on the floor. Mr David Grant stated that there was a bad odour emitted from No. 53 during the whole summer. He had complained to Dr. Ayres about this, and believed the smell to arise from decomposing vegetable matter. One morning they were removing some things which caused such a stench that they were unable to remain in the office. The case was then adjourned till this day, to see how far the defendant would abate the nuisance. Inspector McKinney reported that the cause of the smell had been removed. The defendant, on his promising never to offend again, was discharged.

LARCENY.

Tang Hing On, a coolie, was committed

to trial on a charge of stealing a 50 cents

from the person of Mahomed Judd, a fireman belonging to the *Burnees*. The defendant was only discharged the other day for attempting to steal a ruby ring from the fingers of the same complainant. On the present occasion the charge was conclusively proved, as the note was found on his person. He was also identified as having been in gaol before.

ALLEGED LARCENY.

Li Ayan, the master of a silk shop, again appeared to answer the charge of stealing a silver glass from the steamer *Kuikiang*. The complainant and his witness were cross-examined by Mr Dennis. Mr Frederick Harold produced the engineer's log showing the time at which the steamer arrived on the 8th September, the date at which the defendant alleged that the witness Chun Ashui went to his shop to steal the pair of silk trousers. The case was further remanded till to-morrow; the Magistrate intimated that he would commit it for trial, unless the defendant could prove otherwise, as though the value of the property said to have been stolen was not much the issue was important.

SUPREME COURT.
IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.
(Before His Honor Mr. Justice SNOWDEN.)

October 4th, 1877.

Vogel, Hagedorn & Co. v. Siemssen & Co.

\$100.

This case was resumed to-day.

Mr Giltzow, a partner in the firm of Messrs Siemssen & Co., was called. He was present when Mr Carl Vogel came to the office and spoke to Mr Hoppius about shipping the 250 tons and the 600 tons of sugar.

Mr Hoppius told Mr Vogel that he could not promise definitely with reference to future shipments, but he could have as much as might arrive. This was on the 18th June. Witness had no doubt whatever on his mind as to the nature of the contract made.

On the 1st August Mr C. Vogel came to speak about the shipment of the sugar.

Witness told him that he need not trouble

himself so much about it, that it was a bona fide transaction on the part of Siemssen & Co., that if they got the sugar, he would get the freight, if not, he would not.

Mr Vogel did not raise any objection whatever then. This was the only conversation he had with Mr Vogel about this matter, but he had often seen him in the office. That was all witness' individual knowledge of the affair.

Cross-examined.—Witness heard Mr C. Vogel say that he had to shut out some cargo, and that was the reason he gave for being unable to take the 250 tons sugar, unless he got the balance of the sugar. He did not hear him say that with the balance and the 250 tons cargo shut out, another ship could be chartered.

The defendants were in grave doubt of getting the sugar from Hoilow even before the receipt of the 250 tons on the 18th June.

Mr Vogel left witness with the impression that he would take the 250 tons on the defendants' promise to ship with him what sugar might come forward. It was an inconvenience to the defendants to get the 250 tons shipped. Witness would swear that Mr Vogel's version of the agreement was not true. He often came to enquire when sugar was expected.

Re-examined.—Mr C. Vogel left the impression on the witness' mind that he would take the sugar on the terms mentioned, because witness thought it was a very good thing for him. Besides when freight was engaged through a broker, it was unusual for the principal to call, unless he was very anxious for the engagement.

A Juror asked whether, as a business man, Mr Giltzow did not think that the memo. of Messrs Vogel, that they had booked them with 500 tons sugar by a following vessel, should have been replied to.

Witness said it would have been better if it had been replied to; it would have prevented all this trouble. The witness did not read the memo. in the same light as the plaintiffs. If the whole quantity of sugar had come in time, it would have gone in the *Hannah Law*.

Mr Hayller then summed the case for the defence. He thought the whole question turned on the interpretation to be put on the first letter of Messrs Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.

There would be very little difficulty in ascertaining that there had been a distinct and definite understanding come to as to the nature of the agreement. The freight of 250 tons at £2,10 a ton was a very good piece of business, and the plaintiffs appeared anxious about it. Then why should they require further consideration to accept it? The learned counsel urged that it was not necessary for him to show that Mr C. Vogel's version of the agreement was not true, as, being on the defence, it was for the plaintiffs to show that what Messrs Hoppius and Giltzow had said was not true. The question that had to be decided was whether both parties had ever come together and entered into that distinct and clear understanding of each other as to leave no doubt as to the nature of the contract.

The Hon. Attorney General then replied.

He did not impute anything to the honour of Mr Hoppius, but he thought he might have been mistaken in the same way as any other man would have done.

He submitted that the probability was that Mr Hoppius had no doubts whatever when he made the contract with Mr Vogel that the sugar would be forthcoming, and that it was only when 61 tons were received that he had some doubts. The learned Attorney General then referred to the great advantage to the defendants to have the 250 tons shipped in the *Hannah Law*, and on the great inconvenience to the plaintiffs who had to shut out some cargo behind the scenes but had hitherto kept it from being passed. It is to be hoped that something will result this year in asking and shelving, and that the community will not much longer be at the mercy of its servants—not forgetting the Chinese.

Speaking of shippers reminds me of the fact that the *Cafetaria* Washing Company is paying a good dividend; the working is satisfactory to the shareholders and the washing satisfies those who are customers and such a state of matters should be sufficient to encourage similar steps being taken here.

Under the heading of "Variorum," a correspondent "Nemo" writes:

What is the tariff of costs to enable the Headmen of the different Kongsees to get their cargo to their men when charged at the Police Stations? Five dollars down to two dollars and a half?

If you say the other half must be paid

when the tides come in, it will be an inquiry into the condition of the Force. There is never smoke without fire, and these charges would never be made without there being ground for them.

Your correspondent who complained of

Sunday work at the New Kirk, might have

spoken (did he know of it) of the fact of the F. W. D. re-painting and white-washing

the Court House on Sundays. In India it

is especially stipulated in all contracts with

Government, that no Sunday work shall be

carried on under penalty from the Con-

tractor.

Because the measure of the kind is much

wanted, a Master and Servant law is to

stand over for the report of a Committee

and for the arrival of the new Governor.

Such a law has been asked for, for years but

some power behind the scenes has

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licity as is now provided extremely desir-

able; and contributions of much interest

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of the foreign consular services, the Chinese

Customs corps, and the missionary body,

among whom a high degree of Chinese

scholarship is now assiduously cultivated,

and who are severally represented in the first

number of the Review by papers highly

creditable to their respective authors.

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Rev. E. J. Etel, to which the place of

honour is deservedly given, an excellent

summary is presented of the chronological

problems and arguments involved in con-

nection with this important work. Some

translations from Chinese novels and plays

are marked by both accuracy and freshness

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